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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, GSUSA
SUBJECT: Coordination between Intelligence Division, GSUSA,
and Central Intelligence Agency
REFERENCE: Memorandum of 24 March 1949 (File CSGID-E 904) from
Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, to Director of
Central Intelligence; Subject as above

1. This is in reply to your Memorandum of 24 March 1949 on the subject of coordination between ID and CIA.

2. I agree with you that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to frame definitions of "intelligence relating to the national security" and of "military intelligence" which would be unanimously agreed to by all concerned. "Intelligence information" does not seem to me so difficult - it is the sum total of items of information required by an intelligence officer in planning an effective production schedule and in producing actual finished intelligence. Finished intelligence, of course, has only a local and evanescent existence. If we had direct access to the finished intelligence produced today in Moscow we would regard it as a part of the intelligence information with which we had to work. Our own finished intelligence of yesterday may, because of overnight events, become a part of today's intelligence information, needing revision and correlation with other information before it can again achieve the status of up-to-date intelligence.

3. It appears that the working-level difficulties between this Agency and ID have resulted largely from off-the-cuff decisions by junior officers that such and such items of information had no bearing on "intelligence relating to the national security" and hence should not be made available. These working-level difficulties could probably be avoided by a general understanding that ID would ordinarily assume that CIA was the best judge of what was properly needed for the production of "national intelligence", just as my people assume that ID is the best judge of what ID and the Army need for the production of "military intelligence".

4. I have delegated this Agency's liaison responsibility to my Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination, and have instructed him to negotiate with the Chiefs of your Security and Training Group and Intelligence Group for the arrangement(s) of these working-level contacts between CIA and the several agencies of the Army which may be to our mutual benefit.

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5. We can't hope overnight to solve all the problems which concern both CIA and ID, but with forbearance and cooperation on both sides we will be able to deal with them one by one in a manner satisfactory to us both. Please be assured that I warmly appreciate the cooperation which you and your officers have extended to my people.

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